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Chief Justice Announces Retirement

Chief Justice W.H. "Dub" Arnold announced on December 1st his upcoming retirement from the highest judicial office in the State of Arkansas, effective January 1, 2004. Chief Justice Arnold has

1963, he returned to Arkadelphia to practice law. After serving two years as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of the Eighth Judicial District in 1969, and served two

Judicial District. He was elected in 1980 and served for five consecutive terms.

In 1990, he was elected Circuit-Chancery Judge for the Ninth District East and served in



Chief Justice Arnold and his wife, Earlene, at the press conference announcing his resignation.

held this position since January 1, 1997.

Justice Arnold, a native of Arkadelphia, graduated from Henderson State Teachers College in 1957, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. Justice Arnold's first job was with the Farm Bureau Insurance Company. Working in the daytime, he attended the Arkansas Law School at Little Rock at night. Graduating in

terms. In 1973, Governor Dale Bumpers appointed him Chairman of the Arkansas Worker's Compensation Commission for a six year term.

Justice Arnold returned to Arkadelphia in 1979 and was elected Clark County Municipal Judge for a four year term. After serving in that position for fifteen months, he resigned and ran for Prosecuting Attorney of the Ninth



(L.toR.) Bill Bowen, Associate Justice Ray Thornton and Chief Justice Arnold visit after the press conference.

that position for six years. In 1996 he was elected Chief Justice to complete the four year unexpired term of retiring Chief Justice Jack Holt, Jr. Then in 2000, Chief Justice Arnold was reelected to that position for an eight year term.

Gov. Huckabee will appoint a successor to the Chief Justice to serve until January 1, 2005.

Supreme Court Historical Society Receives Portraits



Retired Justice John Fogleman and his wife, Annis.



(L.to R.)Maurice Mitchell, Retired Justice Hays, Mrs. Hays,Justice Robert Brown and Justice Annabelle Imber.

On October 24th, in the Supreme Court Courtroom, the Arkansas Supreme Court Historical Society received the portraits of former Justice John Fogleman and former Justice Steele Hays. Justice Fogleman served as Associate Justice from 1967 until 1980. In 1980, Governor Clinton appointed him Chief Justice, succeeding Carleton Harris who retired. Justice Fogleman retired in 1980.

Justice Hays was elected to the Arkansas Supreme Court in 1980. Previously, he had been appointed a Circuit Judge by Governor Winthrop Rockefeller in 1969, and in 1979, Governor Clinton appointed him to the first Arkansas Court of Appeals. Justice Hays retired from the Supreme Court in 1994.

Following the portrait presentations, the Historical Society

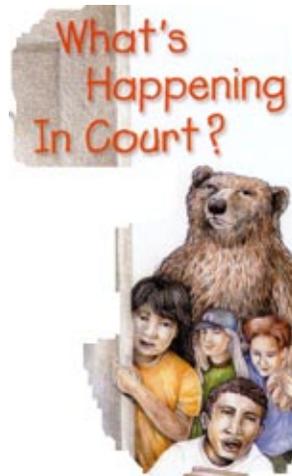
presented lectures throughout the rest of the day on the Civil War in Arkansas. Speakers included Dr. Carl H. Moneyhon, Professor of History/UALR, Dr. Thomas A. DeBlack, Associate Professor of History/Arkansas Tech University, and L. Scott Stafford, Professor of Law, William H. Bowen, School of Law.

Activity Book For Children Going to Court Now Available

“What’s Happening In Court?”, an activity book for children who are going to court in Arkansas has been published by the Office of Attorney General Mike Beebe. In his opening “Welcome” to the book, the Attorney General stated “...I want to help make the experience of going to court easier to understand for all children. This activity book is user-friendly and is written to be easily understood. It explains what happens in a court room, who works there, what the rules are, and gives examples of how a child might become involved in a court case.”

Some of the topics included in the book are “On My Way to Court”, “Why Am I Here?”,

“Who Are the People in Court?”,



“Did I Do Something Wrong?”, “Special Laws for Children”, “Family Law Court” and “I’m Being Adopted.”

The book was originally written by the California Office of

the General Counsel, Administrative Office of the Courts. The revised Arkansas version was made possible through the work of the Attorney General’s Office, the Young Lawyers Section of the Arkansas Bar Association and the Arkansas Case Coordinators’ Association. Printing for the Arkansas version was made possible through support from the U.S. Department of Education’s Safe and Drug-Free Schools Demonstration Funds.

For copies or more information about the book, please contact the Office of Attorney General at (501) 682-2007 or 800-448-3014 or visit the web site of the Attorney General at www.ag.state.ar.us.



Judicial Council Holds Fall Meeting



Judge Andre Roaf presents award to Judge Olly Neal.



Rep. Sarah Agee receives award from Judge Bynum Gibson.

The Arkansas Judicial Council held its fall meeting in Little Rock in October. Approximately 115 circuit, appellate and retired judges attended the meeting.

State Representative Sarah Agee from Prairie Grove received the “First Branch Award” from the Council at the Thursday night banquet.

The “First Branch Award” was established in 1992 as a means of honoring outstanding legislative service on behalf and for the improvement of the state judicial system. Representative Agee represents District 87 in the House of Representatives and has been in the House since the 1999 Legislative session. She has served on various legislative committees, including the Judiciary Committee, Rules, Joint Budget and as Chair of

State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

Court of Appeals Judge Olly Neal received the “Community Service Award” from his fellow

judges. This award recognizes off-the-bench activities by a judge that services the community. In receiving the award, Judge Neal’s work over the years with youth, especially disadvantaged

youth from Eastern Arkansas, was recognized.

Judge David Burnett-2nd Judicial Circuit has served as President of the Judicial Council for the 2002-2003 term. At the close of the banquet, Judge Burnett relinquished the president’s gavel to Judge Ted Capeheart-9th West Judicial Circuit for the 2003-2004 term.



Judge Ted Capeheart presents a plaque of appreciation to outgoing Judicial Council President, Judge David Burnett.



Judiciary Loses Colleague



Judge Gardner

Heartfelt sympathy to the family of Judge Richard Gardner, Circuit Judge in the 5th Judicial Circuit. Judge Gardner passed away after an extended illness. He was appointed as Circuit/Chancery Judge-Juvenile Division in 1989 and served on the bench in the 5th Circuit until his passing away in November.



Court Security Summits

The Administrative Office of the Courts is sponsoring four regional sessions on courtroom security, entitled "The Potential Is There." The summits are intended to provide employees of the judicial branch of government with information necessary to enhance court security.

Dates and locations of the

seminars are as follows:

January 23, 2004	Camden
February 6, 2004	Little Rock
March 19, 2004	Fayetteville
March 26, 2004	Jonesboro

For further information contact Kay Palmer or Marty Sullivan at the AOC. # (501) 682-9400.

CALENDAR

JANUARY

Court Security Summit 23
(Camden)

FEBRUARY

District & City Court Clerks 20
Certification (2nd & 4th Districts)
(Little Rock)

MARCH

Case Coordinators Conf. 4-5
(Little Rock)

APRIL

Education Committee Mtg. 22-23
(Heber Springs)

MAY

District Judges Spring 13-15
College and
District & City Court Clerks
Annual Meeting
(Springdale)

Veteran AOC Employee Retires



Jack Marks, Information Systems Director for the Administrative Office of the Courts, is retiring as of the end of December. Jack has worked for the AOC for over 21 years. A retirement party was held at the Justice Building in November. (L. to R.) Jack and Mary's son-in-law and daughter, Gordon and Pam, Jack and his wife, and their son, Mike, and John Stewart/AOC. Standing is Mara Simmons/AOC.



Season's Greetings



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